



Highway 62 Corridor Project

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Dear PDT and CAC Members,

It's been a few months since you were given an update on the progress of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Hwy 62 Project. As you remember development of Technical Reports for areas of environmental concern is one of the first steps in the development of the project DEIS. Over half of the technical reports have been reviewed and posted on the project's website. The remainder should be completed by mid May 2008. We have also begun work on assembling the DEIS and expect to publish this document by late spring / early summer 2008.

Prior to publishing the DEIS for public and agency comment it is our intention to reconvene both the PDT and CAC and provide you with an overview of the environmental effects of the project alternatives. Once we have completed the 45 day public and agency comment period we will meet again to review the comments, consider the environmental effects and assess the alternatives based on our Evaluation Criteria and select a preferred alternative. The project team will then advance the design of that alternative to a point where mitigation measures can be incorporated into the project's design. We will then publish a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) that documents the measures to mitigate the environmental impacts to the extent possible and practical. The final step of the NEPA process will be the issuance of a Record of Decision (ROD) that documents the projects decision making process and commitments.

You can expect additional contact during the next few months as we approach the completion of the DEIS. In the meantime if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Pat Foley at (541) 423-1372 or pfoley@rvcog.org. Thanks again for time, patience and commitment to this project.